



Date: **Award Year 2026**
To: GGS Members and Partners
From: Georgia Gerontology Society Scholarship Committee Student
Subject: Scholarship Competition

Recognizing our commitment to the promotion of leadership in gerontology, GGS sponsors an annual gerontology scholarship award program. This program provides competitive scholarship opportunities to outstanding graduate and undergraduate students committed to pursuing careers in the field of aging or that serve older adults. Applicants must be members of the Georgia Gerontology Society. Access the application at [Student Scholarship Application](#).

- **The Robert P. Wray Scholarship** provides an award of up to **\$8,500** to one undergraduate student.
- **Virginia M. Smyth Scholarship** provides an award of up to **\$10,000** to one graduate student.

Final award amounts are determined in coordination with the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta and may be adjusted based on the recipient's total financial aid package.

By making these awards, we aim to promote student interest in aging-related issues and to promote professional development in gerontology and careers serving older adults 55 years & older. The scholarship recipients will receive:

- Free conference registration.
- Free hotel accommodation.
- Mileage reimbursement.
- A free one-year GGS membership renewal.
- Recognition at the Awards Ceremony.

The 2026 Annual Conference will be held July 27-29th, 2026, at Lanier Islands Resort in Buford, Georgia.

Please distribute the nomination form as widely as possible to students, faculty, and others in your network. Thank you for your assistance in publicizing it. If you have any questions, please contact GGS at administrator@georgiagerontologysociety.org.

The application and all supporting documents must be received by 11:59 PM on Friday May 29, 2026. Mailed documents must be in hand (not postmarked) by May 29, 2026. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by June 8, 2026.